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Docket No. 61179-3USPX

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Grossi, et al.

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Serial No.: 10/672,293

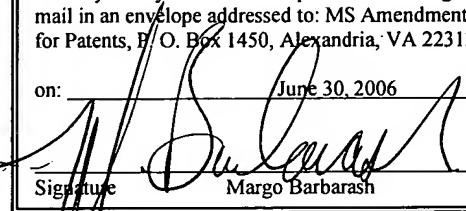
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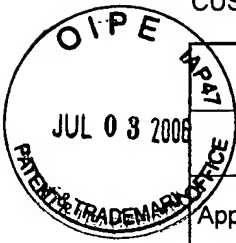
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**AMENDMENT**

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In response to the Office Action dated April 10, 2006, please consider the following claims and Remarks:



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Applicant(s): Alessandro Grossi et al.

Invention: INTEGRATED RESISTIVE ELEMENTS WITH SILICIDATION PROTECTION (as amended)

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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